

REMARKS

In complete response to the Office Action of March 28, 2005, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-15 and 17 are allowed. Claim 16 stands rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserts that Claim 16 is uncertain because the tradenames used in the claim does not describe the goods associated with the tradename. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The tradenames P84 and P84HT-325, referenced in claim 16, and on page 8, line 5, and page 9, line 7 of the specification, identify products of a specific composition of matter available from HP Polymer GmbH. These polymers are known to one of ordinary skill in the art, and are clearly and definitely defined by HP Polymers as specific products on the tradenames noted in the claim. Attached are affidavits from two researchers of ordinary skill in the art evidencing that these tradenames are known to one of ordinary skill in the art to describe products of a specific composition of matter. Because the tradenames reflected in Claim 16 clearly and particularly point out products of a specific composition of matter known to one of ordinary skill in the art, the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

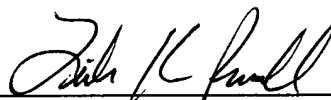
Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants thank the Examiner for his allowance of claims 1-15 and 17, and for noting the allowability of claim 16. Applicants believe all claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call Linda K. Russell at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

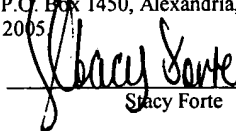


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